(d) what are the total remittances by private transfer during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the Emigration Clearances/Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR) endorsements issued, country-wise, during the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 is enclosed *See* below. As may be seen from the statement, most of the workers had sought emigration clearances/ECNR endorsements for the Gulf Countries.

(c) During the year 1995 (upto 31st March), 1654 emigration clearances have been granted.

(d) As per the information furnished by Reserve Bank of India, private transfer of foreign exchange during the year 1992-93 was US $2651 million (Rs. 8124o crores).

**Statement**

*Number of workers granted Emigration Clearances/ECNR endorsements, Country-wise, during the year* 1991, 1992, 1993 *and* 1994.

| Country | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bahrain | 8,630 | 16,458 | 15,622 | 13,806 |
| Oman | 22,333 | 40,900 | 29,056 | 25,142 |
| United Arab Emirates | 15,446 | 60,493 | 77,066 | 75,762 |
| Kingdom of Saudi Arabia | 1,30,928 | 2,65,180 | 2,69,639 | 2,65,875 |
| Kuwait | 7,044 | 19,782 | 26,981 | 24,324 |
| Others | 7,121 | 13,971 | 19,974 | 20,476 |
| TOTAL : | 1,91,502 | 4,16,784 | 4,38,338 | 4,25,38 |

**Women in organised and private sector in the country**

5169. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many women are employed in the organised sector in the country;

(b) out of this how many of them are in the public and how many in the private sector;

(c) what is the annual rate of growth of employment of women; and

(d) what is being done to promote more women in employment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) As per "Quick Estimate" the total number of women employed in the organised sector (all public sector establishments and all private non-agricultural establishments with 10 or more workers) as on 31.3.1994 was 4157.9 thousands, 2572.1 thousands in the public sector and 1585.8 thousands in the private sector.

(c) The growth of employment of women during 1993-94 was of the order of 3 per cent.

(d) To extend better services to women separate counters have been provided at bigger Employment Exchanges. To safeguard their interest,

the State Govt./U.T. Administrations have been advised to post lady officers at such Employment Exchanges where two or more officers are in position. They have also been advised to consider inclusion of atleast one women representative in the Advisory Committee attached to their Employment Exchanges to ensure greater welfare of women applicants.

**Elimination of Child Labour**

5170. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan drawn out by Government to eliminate Child Labour by 2000 AD after the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 1994;

(b) whether Government is confident that with this plan the target will be achieved;

(c) what is the responsibility of the States in this regard; and

(d) what is the machinery to monitor the implementation of this plan?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) As a follow-up on the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 1994, a National Authority for the Elimination of Child Labour (NAECL) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Labour Minister to tackle the problem of child labour. The NAECL has adopted a plan of action titled "Identification, Release and Rehabilitation of Child Labour" Briefly, it calls for a convergence of services and schemes of the Central and State Governments at the implementing level — the District to effectively handle the identification and rehabilitation of the family with child labour and stricter enforcement of relevant laws. This plan of action has been sent to all States/UTs for adoption.

Government is presently engaged in the process of preparing a major action plan to eliminate child labour in hazardous occupations which is estimated at 20 lakhs. The Planning Commission has already earmarked an outlay of Rs. 34.40 crores for the year 1995-96 to enable the Government to launch the Scheme in this regard. The year 2000 is the target for the elimination of child labour in hazardous occupations.

**Opening of NIC for private users**

5171. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to allow the National Informatics Centre network in the country for the private users; and

(b) if so, the details of schemes finalised so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NIC has set up the NICNET for providing informatics services to the government and its associates organisations. This network was subsequently supplemented with high speed Info Highway to cater to the growing value added service requirements of the users Several private users have approached NIC for availing these services because of its high speed flexibility and the reach. A proposal for extending these services to certain export oriented organisations to promote exports from India is under the consideration of Government of India.

(i) NIC has set up a joint venture company under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956 with India Trade